

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application. After entry of the above amendments, claims 1-26 will be still pending in this application. Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-26 as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,717,830 issued to Sigler et al. (Sigler). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Per Claims 1-5, 13, 15, and 17-21, Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose the claimed invention. Specifically, Sigler does not disclose “determining whether any media frame belonging to a communication protocol is lost” or “modifying the communication protocol if a media frame is lost.” On the contrary, Sigler only monitors loss of signal, loss of frame sync, and excessive BER, and generates alarm reports if any of these occurs. (Col. 15, lines 23-28). In Sigler, there is no mention of checking loss of media frame or modifying the communication protocol. Sigler generates alarm reports, which is different from modifying the communication protocol.

Per Claims 6-12, 14, 16, and 22-26, Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose “receiving a request . . . to initiate a group call,” “receiving media . . . before processing the request,” and “buffering the received media for later transmission.” The Examiner has not shown where Sigler discloses these limitations.

Therefore, since Sigler does not disclose at least the above limitations, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

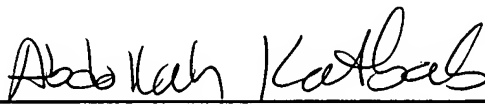
In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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